

Independent Economic Impact Analysis of Ohio Association of Foodbanks Statewide Food Programs

Purpose

Independent economist Howard Fleeter evaluated the economic impact of the State of Ohio’s investment in the Ohio Food Program, the Ohio Agricultural Clearance Program, and the Governor’s Summer Meals Programs.

His analysis found that the State’s investment not only provided 35.6 million meals to hungry Ohioans, but also added \$30.1 million in output across Ohio, generated \$11.65 million in income, and led to the creation of 351 jobs.

Impact

The State’s investment in the Ohio Food Program generated \$5.5 million in income and led to the creation of 165 jobs.

The State’s investment in the Ohio Agricultural Clearance Program generated \$11.6 million in income and led to the creation of 137 jobs.

The State’s investment in the Governor’s Summer Meals Programs generated \$4.3 million in income and led to the creation of 49 jobs.

Community Partners Involved

State of Ohio
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
Ohio’s 12 Feeding America foodbanks with their 3,300 member food pantries, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters

How you can get involved:

- Volunteer with your regional Feeding America foodbank (Ohio has 12 regional foodbanks serving all of Ohio’s 88 counties) - find your foodbank at www.ohiofoodbanks.org/foodbanks
- Donate to support the Ohio Agricultural Clearance Program, which allows us to purchase locally grown fruits and vegetables for just pennies on the pound - donate at www.ohiofoodbanks.org
- Get involved in advocating for issues that impact food insecure Ohioans! Sign up for our action alerts to stay connected at www.ohiofoodbanks.org/advocacy
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to spread awareness about issues facing food insecure Ohioans.

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